

# **Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge — 5510 Wood Cutting Permit**

## **A. Background**

**BLM Office:** Central Yukon Field Office

**Lease/Serial/Case File No.:** FF096944

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** 5510 No Fee Wood Cutting Permit

**Location of Proposed Action:** Adjacent to the Bettles Winter Road. T. 23 N. R 15 W., Kateel Meridian, Sections 21, 22, 26, 28, 29, 30 and T. 23 N. R 16 W., Kateel Meridian, Sections 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 25, 28.

**Description of Proposed Action:** A 5510 Free Use Application and Permit, Vegetative and Mineral Material, has been received from Mike Spindler of the Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge proposes to cut up to five (5) cords of fuel wood for use at the US Fish and Wildlife Services' Bettles Administrative Site and Visitors Center. Wood cutting would be of dead down and standing dead trees. Stipulations and permit Special Conditions outline cutting methods, conservation practices, and duration of permit. The permit would for the period of five years for up to the cutting of five cords per year.

## **B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

**Land Use Plan Name:** Utility Corridor Resource Management Plan

**Date Approved/Amended:** January 11, 1991

**The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):** Appendix N of the Utility Resource Management Plan, page N-3 Forestry Program Objectives states "Manage forest resources for sustained yield of forest products, watershed protection, wildlife habitat, and other uses consistent with the Plan." On page N-4, Forestry Management Program, Implementing Actions — 2. Process forest products sale or permit applications on a case-by-case basis.

## **C. Compliance with NEPA:**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, or 516 DM 11.9,

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with United States Department of the Interior 43 CFR §46.210 or United States Department of Interior Manual, Part 516, Chapter 11 which provides:

### **11.5 C. Forestry.**

1. Sale and removal of individual trees or small groups or trees which are dead, diseased, injured, or which constitute a safety hazard, and where access for the removal requires no more than maintenance to existing roads.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

I considered:

The proposed action is in conformance with a management framework plan or a resource management plan, 43 CFR § 1610.8(a)(3). The Department of the Interior has determined and found that the proposed action is within a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and that neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required, 40 CFR §1508.4

## **D. Approval and Contact Information**

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